

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OVERVIEW

COURSE TITLE: American Literature I

COURSE NUMBER: ENG 221

DESCRIPTION: Reading and study of examples of American literature from the colonial period to the present. The class will examine themes of individualism, idealism, opportunity, and inclusion as they appear across a range of time periods and literary genres. A broad survey of literary periods and major authors will be provided.

Prerequisite: ENG 102

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To acquaint students with representative American writers and their ideas.
- 2) To consider some of the ways that these writers defined themselves and "America", and to disclose some of the problems with which they engaged.
- 3) To lead students to a greater appreciation of American literary Themes and the concept of canon formation.